

REMARKS

I. Front Page of Office Action and Claim Status

The front page of the December 10, 2001 office action indicates that Claims 1-7 are pending and that Claims 1-7 are rejected.

This amendment represents prior counsel's amendment in a format complying with 37 CFR.

II. Claim Status

Claim 1 is the only independent claim. Claim 1 is amended. The specification as originally filed fully supports amended claim 1. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

III. The Objection to the Drawings

The examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). See office action mailed on December 10, 2001 at page 2. Applicant is submitting herewith formal drawings of figures 1-4. Figure 1 has been amended. The amendment is rooted in the instant specification and does not introduce new matter into the original disclosure.

IV. The objection to the Abstract

The examiner objected to the abstract stating that "it should be all one paragraph." See office action mailed on December 10, 2001 at page 2. The applicant submits herewith a one paragraph abstract.

V. Objection to the Specification

The examiner objected to the specification at page 21 line 21 stating that "there is no need for the 'comma after 'of' and before 'a security.'" See office action mailed on December 10, 2001 at page 2.

The applicant submits that the objection under point 3 is not understood and would seem to be at variance with English rules of punctuation. The comma objected to terminates an

interposed sentence which commences at "or" in line 20. (As the instant specification has no page 21, it is assumed the examiner has been referring to page 3.)

The applicant has amended the specification for informal spelling and grammatical errors. No new matter has been added.

VI The Rejections of Claims 1-2 Under 35 USC 103 (a) as Being Unpatentable Over Weber (US 4,255,652) and the Rejection of Claims 3-7 as Being Unpatentable over Weber in View of Berger et al. (US 6,615,592) or D'Amato et al. (US 5,003,915) is Moot

It is urged that the objection against claims 1 and 2 as being allegedly rendered obvious by U.S. Patent 4,255,652 (Weber) has been rendered moot by the above amendment to claim 1. The '652 (Weber) reference is referred to *expressis verbis* in the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 16 of Applicant's specification where the disadvantages of the invention disclosed by '652 have been set forth. In contrast to USP 4,255,652 invention applicant does not rely on measuring values of current leakage to determine the authenticity of a document. Applicant's signals derived from the capacitively coupled voltage are representative of the profile, as it were, of the different electrical conductivities of the metalized optico-diffractively effective security indicium. There is no indication whatever in USP 4,255,652 reference of such a "profile" determination. Weber simply measures voltage leakages which occur between two sites in the path of movement of a document.

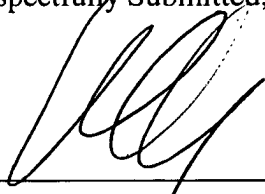
Since claims 2 through 7 depend from, and further limit, the features of allowable claim 1 and are allowable as typical subclaims.

VII. Closure

This application should now be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any questions, he is urged to contact the undersigned at 703-415-0012.

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